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PATENT
Docket No. 015916-261

Applicant: Bencini

Serial No.: 09/548,465

Filing Date: April 13, 2000

Title: Steerable Device For
Introducing Diagnostic And Therapeutic
Apparatus Into The Body

Group Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: Sirmons

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application:

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established.
- A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A Petition for Extension of Time and check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Small Entity Rate	Add'l. Fee	Standard Rate	Add'l. Fee
TOTAL	48 minus	42 =	6	x \$ 9	\$	x \$ 18	\$108
INDEP.	12 minus	9 =	3	x \$ 43	\$	x \$ 86	\$256
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				TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$364

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A check in the amount of \$364 to cover the fee for additional claims is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

DATED DECEMBER 17, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, time for response to which has been extended by the enclosed petition to April 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

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